

1 **PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD HAVING JUMPER LINES AND THE**
2 **METHOD FOR MAKING SAID PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD**

3 **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

4 **1. Field of the Invention**

5 The present invention relates to a printed circuit board having jumper
6 lines and a method for making the printed circuit board, wherein the planar
7 jumper layer may be made simultaneously during fabrication of the printed
8 circuit board, without having to perform the wire-bonding work.

9 **2. Description of the Related Art**

10 A conventional printed circuit board often needs to use jumpers for
11 reasons of the layout of the circuit.

12 A conventional coplanar waveguide (C.P.W.) fed uni-planar bow-tie
13 antenna of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with
14 the prior art is shown in Fig. 1.

15 A conventional Lange coupler of a microwave circuit of a printed
16 circuit board in accordance with the prior art is shown in Fig. 2.

17 The above microwave circuit comprises a dielectric substrate 12, a
18 metallic ground layer 11 mounted on the bottom side of the dielectric substrate
19 12, a line layer 13 mounted on the top side of the dielectric substrate 12, and
20 jumpers 14 mounted on the line layer 13.

21 A conventional coplanar waveguide (C.P.W.) of a microwave circuit
22 of a printed circuit board in accordance with the prior art is shown in Fig. 3.
23 The metallic ground layer 11 is mounted on one side of the dielectric substrate
24 12, and jumpers 14 are mounted on the metallic ground layer 11.

1 The jumpers 14 are formed by performing a wire-bonding work, so
2 that after the microwave circuit of the printed circuit board is made, it is
3 necessary to perform a wire-bonding work to form the jumpers 14, thereby
4 causing inconvenience during fabrication and increasing cost of fabrication. In
5 addition, the jumpers cannot be used in the inner layer of a multi-layer printed
6 circuit board.

7 On the other hand, the printed circuit board includes multiple
8 microwave circuits, such as the power distributors, the couplers, the wave
9 filters, the wavelength converters, the modulators or the like. The wavelength
10 of the microwave is very short, so that the wavelength of the microwave and
11 the size of the microwave circuit belong to the same grade. Thus, many
12 electrical parameters, such as resistance, reluctance, capacitance, conductance
13 or the like, that may be omitted in the low-frequency alternating circuit, have
14 to be considered in the microwave circuit. Change of the size of the microwave
15 circuit will affect the values of the above-mentioned electrical parameters. The
16 microwave circuit may maintain its function only at a determined wavelength
17 (or frequency) and size, so that when the size of the microwave circuit is
18 changed, the microwave circuit will lose its function. Thus, the size of the
19 microwave circuit cannot be shortened arbitrarily, so that the microwave
20 circuit occupies a considerable space in the printed circuit board. Therefore,
21 the printed circuit board cannot be miniaturized, so that it cannot satisfy the
22 requirements of light, thin, short and small designs.

23 Traditionally, a microwave circuit includes multiple transmission
24 lines with proper sizes to form a proper geometry.

1 The wavelength of the microstrip transmission line of the line layer
2 13 can be calculated as flows:

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$$\lambda_g \times f = c / \sqrt{\epsilon_{eff}}$$

4 Wherein, c is the velocity of light, and is equal to 3108m/sec, ϵ_{eff} is
5 the effective dielectric constant, f is the frequency of the electromagnetic wave,
6 and λ_g is the wavelength of the electromagnetic wave under this effective
7 dielectric constant.

8 It is known from the above equation that, when the frequency is fixed,
9 if the effective dielectric constant is increased, the wavelength of the
10 electromagnetic wave under this effective dielectric constant may be shortened.
11 Thus, the size of the microwave circuit that is proportional to the wavelength
12 may be shortened. Therefore, when the effective dielectric constant is
13 increased, the size of the microwave circuit may be shortened.

14 Further, when the media of the microstrip transmission line or the
15 microwave circuit are not even, it is assumed that the equivalent media of the
16 microstrip transmission line or the microwave circuit are even, and the
17 dielectric constant of the equivalent media is the effective dielectric constant
18 ϵ_{eff} . The effective dielectric constant may be calculated as follows:

19
$$\epsilon_{eff} = C_{substrate} / C_{air}$$

20 wherein, $C_{substrate}$ is the capacitance of the microstrip transmission
21 line or the non-metallic part of the microwave circuit after being filled with the
22 media, and C_{air} is the capacitance of the air.

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1 At this time, distribution of the dielectric media may be not even, and
2 the microstrip transmission line or the non-metallic part of the microwave
3 circuit is filled with the capacitance of the air. If distribution of the dielectric
4 media is not even, and the dielectric media consist of two dielectric materials,
5 wherein one dielectric material has a higher dielectric constant, and the other
6 has a lower dielectric constant, such that the effective dielectric constant is
7 between the two dielectric constants. Thus, a high dielectric value material
8 may be coated on the entire line layer of the microwave circuit, or coated on
9 partial transmission lines of the line layer, thereby increasing the effective
10 dielectric constant, so as to shorten the size of the microwave circuit, without
11 affecting the electrical function of the microwave circuit.

12 **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

13 The primary objective of the present invention is to provide a printed
14 circuit board having jumper lines, and a method for making the printed circuit
15 board. An isolation layer made of a dielectric material is coated on the line
16 layer of the printed circuit board, and multiple pads are formed in the isolation
17 layer, thereby exposing part of the line layer without covered by the isolation
18 layer. A high conductive material is coated on the isolation layer to connect the
19 multiple pads, thereby forming a planar jumper layer that is connected to the
20 line layer through the circular pads. Thus, the planar jumper layer may be
21 made simultaneously during fabrication of the printed circuit board, without
22 having to perform the wire-bonding work.

1 In accordance with a first aspect of the present invention, there is
2 provided a method for making a printed circuit board having jumper lines,
3 comprising the steps of:

- 4 a) making a printed circuit board;
- 5 b) coating or printing a dielectric material on the printed circuit board
6 to form an isolation layer;
- 7 c) forming multiple pads in the isolation layer of the dielectric
8 material, thereby exposing part of the printed circuit board without covered by
9 the dielectric material; and
- 10 d) coating or printing a high conductive material on the isolation
11 layer of the dielectric material to connect the multiple pads, thereby forming a
12 planar jumper layer that is connected to the printed circuit board through the
13 circular pads.

14 In accordance with a second aspect of the present invention, there is
15 provided a method for making a printed circuit board having jumper lines,
16 comprising the steps of:

- 17 a) determining a pre-estimated value of an effective dielectric
18 constant;
- 19 b) determining a shortened size of a microwave circuit according to
20 the pre-estimated value of the effective dielectric constant and a used working
21 frequency;
- 22 c) providing a dielectric substrate that may increase the effective
23 dielectric constant to the pre-estimated value;

1 d) making the microwave circuit with a shortened size on the
2 dielectric substrate;

3 e) coating or printing an isolation layer on the microwave circuit;

4 f) forming multiple pads in the isolation layer, thereby exposing part
5 of the microwave circuit without covered by the isolation layer; and

6 g) coating or printing a high conductive material on the isolation
7 layer to connect the multiple pads, thereby forming a planar jumper layer that
8 is connected to the microwave circuit through the circular pads.

9 In accordance with a third aspect of the present invention, there is
10 provided a printed circuit board having jumper lines, comprising: a line layer,
11 an isolation layer made of a dielectric material coated on the line layer,
12 multiple pads formed in the isolation layer, thereby exposing part of the line
13 layer without covered by the isolation layer, and a high conductive material
14 coated on the isolation layer to connect the multiple pads, thereby forming a
15 planar jumper layer that is connected to the line layer through the circular pads.

16 In accordance with a fourth aspect of the present invention, there is
17 provided a printed circuit board having jumper lines, comprising: a dielectric
18 substrate, a metallic ground layer mounted on a first side of the dielectric
19 substrate, and a line layer mounted on a second side of the dielectric substrate,
20 an isolation layer made of a high dielectric value material coated on the line
21 layer, multiple pads formed in the isolation layer, thereby exposing part of the
22 line layer without covered by the isolation layer, and a high conductive
23 material coated on the isolation layer to connect the multiple pads, thereby

1 forming a planar jumper layer that is connected to the line layer through the
2 circular pads.

3 In accordance with a fifth aspect of the present invention, there is
4 provided a printed circuit board having jumper lines, comprising: a dielectric
5 substrate, a metallic ground layer mounted on one side of the dielectric
6 substrate, an isolation layer made of a high dielectric value material coated on
7 the metallic ground layer, multiple pads formed in the isolation layer, thereby
8 exposing part of the metallic ground layer without covered by the isolation
9 layer, and a high conductive material coated on the isolation layer to connect
10 the multiple pads, thereby forming a planar jumper layer that is connected to
11 the metallic ground layer through the circular pads.

12 In accordance with a sixth aspect of the present invention, there is
13 provided a printed circuit board having jumper lines, comprising: a dielectric
14 substrate made of a high dielectric value material, a metallic ground layer
15 mounted on a first side of the dielectric substrate, a line layer mounted on a
16 second side of the dielectric substrate, an isolation layer coated on the line
17 layer, multiple pads formed in the isolation layer, thereby exposing part of the
18 line layer without covered by the isolation layer, and a high conductive
19 material coated on the isolation layer to connect the multiple pads, thereby
20 forming a planar jumper layer that is connected to the line layer through the
21 circular pads.

22 In accordance with a seventh aspect of the present invention, there is
23 provided a printed circuit board having jumper lines, comprising: a dielectric
24 substrate made of a high dielectric value material, a metallic ground layer

mounted on one side of the dielectric substrate, an isolation layer coated on the metallic ground layer, multiple pads formed in the isolation layer, thereby exposing part of the metallic ground layer without covered by the isolation layer, and a high conductive material coated on the isolation layer to connect the multiple pads, thereby forming a planar jumper layer that is connected to the metallic ground layer through the circular pads.

Further benefits and advantages of the present invention will become apparent after a careful reading of the detailed description with appropriate reference to the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a conventional coplanar waveguide fed uni-planar bow-tie antenna of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the prior art;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a conventional Lange coupler of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the prior art;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a conventional coplanar waveguide of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the prior art;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of a Lange coupler of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view of the Lange coupler as shown in Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a plan view of a Lange coupler of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 7 is a cross-sectional view of the Lange coupler as shown in Fig. 6;

Fig. 8 is a plan view of a Lange coupler of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 9 is a cross-sectional view of the Lange coupler as shown in Fig. 8;

Fig. 10 is a plan cross-sectional view of a coplanar waveguide fed uni-planar bow-tie antenna of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 11 is a cross-sectional view of Fig. 10;

Fig. 12 is a plan view of an unfolded Lange coupler of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 13 is a cross-sectional view of the Lange coupler as shown in Fig. 12;

Fig. 14 is a plan view of a coplanar waveguide of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 15 is a plan view of a coplanar waveguide of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 16 is a plan view of a coplanar waveguide of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 17 is a plan view of another coplanar waveguide of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 18 is a plan view of another coplanar waveguide of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 19 is a plan view of another coplanar waveguide of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 20 is a plan view of a further coplanar waveguide of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 21 is a cross-sectional assembly view of a printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention; and

Fig. 22 is a cross-sectional assembly view of a printed circuit board used in a multi-layer printed circuit board in accordance with the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

For illustrating the method of the present invention, a Lange coupler of a microwave circuit is taken for example, wherein the length of each side of the Lange coupler is equal to one fourth of a wavelength ($1/4 \lambda_g$) of the electromagnetic wave under an effective dielectric constant.

Assuming the effective dielectric constant of the dielectric material (the dielectric substrate and the air) is equal to four (4), and the working frequency of the electromagnetic wave is set at 1GHz. Then, the length of each side of the Lange coupler of the microwave circuit needs to be equal to 3.75 centimeter.

The effective dielectric constant of the dielectric material may be pre-estimated to be increased to nine (9). Then, the length of each side of the Lange coupler of the microwave circuit may be set to be equal to 2.5

1 centimeter, thereby forming a Lange coupler of the microwave circuit with a
2 smaller size.

3 Referring to Figs. 4-9, the method in accordance with a preferred
4 embodiment of the present invention may be used make an Lange coupler of a
5 microwave circuit which comprises a dielectric substrate 22, a metallic ground
6 layer 21 mounted on the bottom side of the dielectric substrate 22, and a line
7 layer 23 mounted on the top side of the dielectric substrate 22 as shown in Figs.
8 4 and 5.

9 As shown in Figs. 6 and 7, after the metallic ground layer 21 is
10 mounted on the bottom side of the dielectric substrate 22, and the line layer 23
11 is mounted on the top side of the dielectric substrate 22, a high dielectric value
12 material 24 may be coated or printed on the line layer 23 of the Lange coupler
13 of the microwave circuit, thereby increasing the effective dielectric constant of
14 the dielectric material to nine (9), such that the size of the Lange coupler of the
15 microwave circuit may be shortened efficiently by increasing the effective
16 dielectric constant of the dielectric material, without affecting the electrical
17 function of the Lange coupler of the microwave circuit. In addition, when the
18 high dielectric value material 24 is coated or printed on the line layer 23 of the
19 Lange coupler of the microwave circuit, multiple circular pads 25 are formed
20 in the high dielectric value material 24, thereby exposing the line layer 23
21 without coated or printed with the high dielectric value material 24.

22 As shown in Figs. 8 and 9, the high dielectric value material 24 is
23 covered with metallic paste or high conductive material that may be filled into

1 the circular pads 25, thereby forming a planar jumper layer 26 that is connected
2 to the line layer 23 through the circular pads 25.

3 In such a manner, the high dielectric value material 24 that may
4 efficiently enhance the entire effective dielectric constant of the dielectric
5 material may be used to electrically isolate the line layer 23 and the jumper
6 layer 26, such that the geometric size of the Lange coupler of the microwave
7 circuit may be shortened greatly by increasing the effective dielectric constant
8 of the dielectric material, without affecting the electrical function of the Lange
9 coupler of the microwave circuit.

10 In the above embodiment, the effective dielectric constant may be
11 increased to nine (9) by coating or printing the high dielectric value material
12 24.

13 Alternatively, a dielectric substrate made of a high dielectric value
14 material may be directly used to increase the effective dielectric constant to
15 nine (9). Then, the metallic ground layer is mounted on one side of the
16 dielectric substrate, and the line layer is mounted on the other side of the
17 dielectric substrate, thereby forming the microwave circuit having a shortened
18 size. Thus, the size of the Lange coupler of the microwave circuit may be
19 shortened efficiently by increasing the effective dielectric constant, without
20 affecting the electrical function of the Lange coupler of the microwave circuit.
21 At this time, a common dielectric material may be used to electrically isolate
22 the line layer 23 and the jumper layer 26.

23 Referring to Figs. 10 and 11, the same method in accordance with the
24 present invention may be used make a coplanar waveguide (C.P.W.) fed

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1 uni-planar bow-tie antenna of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board
2 comprising a dielectric substrate 32, a metallic ground layer 31 mounted on the
3 bottom side of the dielectric substrate 32, a line layer 33 mounted on the top
4 side of the dielectric substrate 32, a high dielectric value material 34, and a
5 jumper layer 36.

6 Referring to Figs. 12 and 13, the same method in accordance with the
7 present invention may be used make an unfolded Lange coupler of a
8 microwave circuit of a printed circuit board comprising a dielectric substrate
9 42, a metallic ground layer 41 mounted on the bottom side of the dielectric
10 substrate 42, a line layer 43 mounted on the top side of the dielectric substrate
11 42, a high dielectric value material 44, and a jumper layer 46.

12 Referring to Figs. 14-16, the same method in accordance with the
13 present invention may be used make a coplanar waveguide of a microwave
14 circuit of a printed circuit board. After the metallic ground layer 71 is mounted
15 on the bottom side of the dielectric substrate 72 as shown in Fig. 14, a high
16 dielectric value material 74 may be coated or printed on the metallic ground
17 layer 71 as shown in Fig. 15. At this time, multiple circular pads 75 are formed
18 in the high dielectric value material 74, thereby exposing the metallic ground
19 layer 71 without coated or printed with the high dielectric value material 74.
20 Then, the high dielectric value material 74 is covered with metallic paste or
21 high conductive material that may be filled into the circular pads 75, thereby
22 forming a planar jumper layer 76 (as shown in Fig. 16) that is connected to the
23 metallic ground layer 71 through the circular pads 75.

Referring to Figs. 17-19, the same method in accordance with the present invention may be used make another type coplanar waveguide of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board. After the metallic ground layer 61 is mounted on the bottom side of the dielectric substrate 62 as shown in Fig. 17, a high dielectric value material 64 may be coated or printed on the metallic ground layer 61 as shown in Fig. 18. At this time, multiple circular pads 65 are formed in the high dielectric value material 64, thereby exposing the metallic ground layer 61 without being coated or printed with the high dielectric value material 64. Then, the high dielectric value material 64 is covered with metallic paste or high conductive material that may be filled into the circular pads 65, thereby forming a planar jumper layer 66 (shown in Fig. 19) that is connected to the metallic ground layer 61 through the circular pads 65.

Referring to Fig. 20, the same method in accordance with the present invention may be used make another type coplanar waveguide of a microwave circuit of a printed circuit board. After the metallic ground layer 51 is mounted on the bottom side of the dielectric substrate 52, a high dielectric value material 54 may be coated or printed on the metallic ground layer 51. At this time, multiple circular pads 55 are formed in the high dielectric value material 54, thereby exposing the metallic ground layer 51 without coated or printed with the high dielectric value material 54. Then, the high dielectric value material 54 is covered with metallic paste or high conductive material that may be filled into the circular pads 55, thereby forming a planar jumper layer 55 that is connected to the metallic ground layer 51 through the circular pads 55.

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Referring to Figs. 2 and 22, the same method in accordance with the present invention may be used make a multi-layer printed circuit board. A first circuit board 81 as shown in Fig. 21 is made by the above-mentioned method so as to have a shortened size with a planar jumper layer. Then, a second circuit board 83 and a third circuit board 84 may be pressed on the first circuit board 81 by prepregs 82 and 82' respectively, and conductive through holes (such as copper through holes) may be used to electrically connect the lines of multiple layers. Finally, the copper layer at the outermost layer is formed with the required lines.

Accordingly, in accordance with the present invention, the planar jumper layer may be made simultaneously during fabrication of the printed circuit board, and may be used in the inner layer of a multi-layer printed circuit board, thereby increasing the usage of area of the circuit board, and thereby reducing production of noise.

In addition, the high dielectric value material may only be printed or coated on a line or a component that has requirements of a specific wavelength, so as to reduce the area of the entire microwave circuit, without having to coat or print the high dielectric value material on all of the lines or structures of the entire microwave circuit, thereby saving the high dielectric value material.

Further, the high dielectric value material may be formed by adding ceramic powder (such as BaTiO_3) in the resin, and the dielectric constant of the high dielectric value material is better greater than 5. The metallic paste may be formed by adding metallic powder in the resin, and may be replaced by a high molecular material of high conductance.

1 Although the invention has been explained in relation to its preferred
2 embodiment as mentioned above, it is to be understood that many other
3 possible modifications and variations can be made without departing from the
4 scope of the present invention. It is, therefore, contemplated that the appended
5 claim or claims will cover such modifications and variations that fall within the
6 true scope of the invention.

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